



NEW OFFICE QUARTERS of Credit Bureau of South Bay are inspected by Mrs. George Arnold, credit supervisor, left; Martha Kline, sales representative; and Jack Zwicker, sales manager. New location is at 1628 Cravens Ave., Torrance.

Cool Season Vegetables Grow Early

It's one of the mysteries of home gardening that more people don't take advantage of California's "unusual" winter weather to raise cool season vegetables. If anything, they are easier to grow than the summer crops, getting much of their irrigation from natural sources and having less trouble from pests.

Several of the cool season vegetables are available at nurseries in flats, ready to be transplanted. Members of the California Association of Nurserymen carry plants of broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, brussels sprouts and cabbage. In addition, seed of such standbys as beets, carrots, radishes and turnips can still be sown.

Growing Weather

Basically, the idea with growing winter vegetables is the same as that in growing winter annuals. The earlier you get them in this month, the more bountiful will be your harvest. The plants should have plenty of good growing weather to establish them before cold weather sets in.

Make no mistake, either, about the amount of sun these vegetables like. Just because they are "cool" season crops doesn't mean that they can do without sun. They like the maximum, just as all of us do when weather cools off.

Amount Needed

The great mistake we make in growing garden crops is in not growing the right amount to feed our family. We plant too much or too little — seldom just the right amount. Take a tip from the C.A.N. and judge your planting by the following.

For a family of four, the nurserymen suggest 10 to 12 plants each of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower. Space them two feet apart in rows. For lettuce, a 20 foot row, with heading varieties spaced a foot apart, leaving varieties only half that much.

Radishes mature in short order and are best picked when first ready, so plant five foot rows of them at one month intervals. A 30-foot row of carrots spaced two inches apart; a 15-foot row of either beets or turnips, spaced the same distance will do the trick.

Success as always depends on preparing the soil, on feeding and on proper irrigation. Check with your local nurseryman for a schedule on these. Cool season growing conditions vary in different areas of the state, and he's the man who knows.

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AMAZING WOOD

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Banning HS Again Favored for City FB Championships

No one has been able to wrest the Marine League prep football championship from Banning in the last four years and with the Pilots, 1960 city champions, again bristling with talent, it's almost a foregone conclusion that they will steer their way to another M. L. title this fall.

Few Shrubs Color Up to Seasons

The onrush of fall often lacks impact in California gardens. Gardeners notice a certain quickening of the climatic pulse, but the change is often imperceptible to shrubs. Only a few of them color up to match the season.

It is always a pleasure, therefore, to discover certain shrubs which do put on a seasonal show. And it should be the aim of every gardener to use them where he can. The following three are especially recommended by the California Association of Nurserymen. They are Oregon Grape, Heavenly Bamboo and Chinese Photinia.

Oregon Grape is perhaps less adapted to Southern California than it is to the northern counties. Gardeners in the south should probably plant the very similar California Grape. Either is a year-round performer with glossy, holly-like leaves, bright yellow flowers in early spring, blue summer berries and rich red foliage tones in fall.

Oregon Grape is an excellent shrub in borders or foundations, used as single specimens or in groupings. Try it with the Darwin Barberry, which has similar holly-like leaves and even does some coloring of its own in fall.

Heavenly Bamboo has copy tones to its foliage the year round, but in fall these give way to brilliant displays of red which combine with its red berries to create one of autumn's most vivid shows.

The farther you live from the coast, the more vivid is the display, but it's one of the season's most colorful anywhere. Use Heavenly Bamboo in the foundation, the border, or in tubs for close display.

Chinese Photinia is another year-round performer, breaking in late spring with large clusters of white flowers that give way to bright red berries in fall. New growth in spring is coppery or red and the whole shrub becomes a bronzed mass in fall.

The shrubs are vigorous, and are best used in backgrounds or in broad, informal screen plantings. Prune to suit your tastes or to keep the shrubs compact, but prune also when you need nice berry color in the house. After all, there's plenty to spare.

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Greens Can Make Good Decorations

Overlooked by many gardeners who seek cutting material for the house are the decorative qualities of certain evergreen shrubs and trees. What they lack in flower color or they make up for in the bold and showy quality of their foliage.

One of the nice things about greens for cutting is that they are available the year around. You can only cut annuals when you have them in flower, but the lush green of certain evergreens can provide handsome arrangements in your home 12 months of the year.

Among the California Association of Nurserymen's favorites for cutting is the English laurel. A handsome broad leaved shrub in the garden, it provides long lasting arrangements in the house. For the greens alone, it would be worth planting, but you'll find plenty of use for English laurel in the landscape — as an informal tall screen, a tightly clipped hedge or a specimen in large container.

Two others to consider for their cutting possibilities are Southern Magnolia and Saurer Magnolia. While not an evergreen, the latter is none the less worth mentioning for the six months or more it is in leaf and, of course, its massed spring bloom is a real garden feature. Southern Magnolia or the smaller St. Mary's Magnolia provide handsome glossy leaves whether you cut the platter sized blooms or not.

The Loquat is excellent for cutting, with the orange fruit in summer or without it the rest of the year. In the garden, try the Loquat as an espalier against the house, wall or fence. C.A.N. nurserymen offer well started espaliered plants.

Others to use for cutting include several Euonymus varieties offered by the nurserymen and Eucalyptus, especially the silvery, round-leaf forms such as the Silver Dollar Tree, and those that bear the gaudy seed pods for cutting with the foliage.

Conifers, notably the Junipers, are highly decorative, and what better reason for planting them than to cut some holiday greens?

Entertainment

Through fall and winter months, Pacific Ocean Park will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to midnight and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

P.O.P. will be closed Mondays through Fridays, except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, when the park will be open to the public daily.

The Acapulco Cliff Divers, led by world high dive champion Raul Garcia, will be held over into the fall season because of public interest, which has broken the Park's attendance records.

Late Autumn Best Planting For Bulbs

With most of our better known spring bulbs — daffodils, tulips and hyacinths — September is too early to plant. Best wait until summer is gone for sure and fall's cooler weather has arrived to stay.

With many so-called babies of the bulb family, however, September is none too soon. They thrive on heat and the sooner their growth starts, the better.

Freeseas, especially, are best when planted early. Likewise ixias and sparaxis, fellow South Africans that thrive in the warmest weather. And still another South African, the summer-flowering watsonia, should go in at the first opportunity.

Minor Bulbs
If none of these minor bulbs is any more than a name to you, it's high time you met them first hand. They are of the easiest culture, and while not spectacular, have definite charm that grows with the years. Their best effects come from massed plantings of single varieties — the more massed they are, the better.

The modern freesia is a far cry from its original self — hybridized into lovely shades and larger flowers. The fragrance alone is worth the planting, but an edging of freeseas can be one of spring's earliest and most charming sights.

Cheery Colors
The cheery sparaxis looks like an overgrown freesia or an undergrown gladiolus — take your pick. The flowers are usually bi-colored, but solid colors are not unknown. Shades of yellow, white and red are to be found.

Ixias are not for shaded or sunless gardens, as the cup-like blooms require direct sunlight to open. Thus fog belt gardeners are warned by the California Association of Nurserymen to plant them and pray for good May weather.

There are other spring bulbs outside the big three that can go in this month or next, as you have the time and inclination. Muscari, or grape hyacinth is probably best known and most useful, and we really mean massed — they offer lovely rich blues that often come with the freeseas in early spring. Try ringing the base of a tree with them, using them to define a border. They won't stop traffic on your street, but many a casual passerby will enjoy them along with you.

English Firm Places Order

Ryan Electronics has received a \$633,000 purchase order from Westland Aircraft, Ltd., of Yeovil, England, for AN/APN-97A Doppler navigation sets.

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All of P.O.P.'s attractions — over 40 including rides, exhibits, displays and the Super Sea Circus — will continue as part of the fall schedule. The pay-one-price policy of \$1.75 which provides admission to all attractions will remain in effect throughout the fall and winter.



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